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## Senate allocates \$480 to campus groups

By Jamie M. Eubanks  
The Chanticleer News Editor

Once again, the Senate came prepared with bills in hand to make some changes to the Constitution and Code and allocate money.

The Senate allocated \$480 total to three organizations. These organizations include Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the History Club and the Model Arab League.

After money is allocated, the organization must present its receipts to show how it used the money.

Senator Marshonntri Reid authored a bill that would prevent organizations to receive more money for an entire school year if they fail to turn in those receipts.

"This could be like a punishment for them not turning in their receipts," Reid said.

Senator Zach Kilgore voiced his approval of the bill and it passed with no more discussion.

Reid authored another bill requiring all receipts to be turned in by the end of the semester in which the money is received. It previously required receipts to be brought in within five

days after the organization spends the money.

"They just come in the beginning (of the semester) and they don't need the money until two months later," Reid said.

The bill passed with little discussion. Last week, Senator Jordan Brewer authored a bill allowing candidates to campaign in the polling building with the exception of the polling floor.

Senator Heather Miller tried to table the bill, but it was amended and passed.

Monday night she offered another bill to change the code again.

"After the big stink last week over

this bill, I thought about it and last year we had 60 people run for senator," Miller said. "If I got 10 of my friends to campaign with me and every person did that, we would have 600 people in the TMB campaigning. And that's just ridiculous."

Her version of the bill would only allow the candidate to actively campaign. The candidate's friends would not be allowed to campaign for them.

"I disagree with 'only the candidate' because this is to prevent an argument from happening," Senator Alesha Ingram said. "I think it will actually cause more complaints. Someone

could say you're trying to campaign for someone by saying, 'Go vote for her.' I think this could create more problems than the original."

"You can't control what your friends are going to say," said Senator Amy Yancey.

Miller then moved to table the bill until next week's meeting.

"We need to fix it," Miller said. "I agree with what y'all are saying. I don't mean Sue shouldn't be able to tell her friends to go vote for her friend. I mean actively campaigning, like handing out fliers, holding up signs."

## Sigma Nu gets new home

By Jamie M. Eubanks  
and LaTonya Pyant  
Chanticleer News Editor & Staff Writer

Just in time for Rush, Sigma Nu has found a new home, but this is just temporary, according to Sigma Nu President Trey Parrish.

The fraternity leased the white house across from the intersection of Mountain and Goodlett streets. The new location is great primarily for its layout.

"The set up has a residence area in a straight line," said Parrish, when explaining why the fraternity chose this house.

The house has a study that is equipped with a computer. It also features a TV room with an entertainment system. The cen-

The new house is only three blocks from the old house, which burned on Dec. 7, 2001, during finals. The fire started on a side deck couch, then spread to the insulated roof. The fire was possibly connected to a flag burning incident on the porch the day before.

"It's been hard getting everybody together, to let everybody know when to show up for a basketball game or when to be at a certain philanthropy," according to Parrish. "It's been hard in recruitment; persuading people that we've still got everything else to offer (like) the other fraternities do."

The lease is not for a certain length of time, because the organization has bigger plans in mind.



## Freshmen donate cells for donor recipients

By Jamie M. Eubanks  
The Chanticleer News Editor

Freshman Forum is getting in the spirit of February and teaming up with TripleHeart and Project: VALENTINE to help people who are awaiting organ transplants.

TripleHeart is a Web site created after JSU alumnus Kel Kelley received a heart transplant four years ago.

"One purpose for TripleHeart is to enable people who are waiting for an organ donation or someone who is a recipient to have a location to go to talk to other people, to get questions answered, to meet emotional needs," said Joanne Kelley, president of TripleHeart and Mr

"We're veterans of the transplant journey," said Mrs. Kelley. "We discovered in waiting two years for a heart for my husband that (before a transplant) patients are often very, very ill. And they often don't have enough money to purchase a cell phone."

To get phones to these people, Freshman Forum is accepting donations throughout February.

"Everybody has the old cell phones," said Katie Scott, publicity chair for the Freshman Forum. "There sitting there and going to waste — so make some use of them."

"Any phone that will come on is able to dial 911," Scott said. Even phones not activated by a cellular service provider will

also features a TV room with an entertainment system. The central room serves as the chapter room. It contains the composites of chapter members. These composites were damaged during the fire, but are still very important to the chapter. The dance room contains a foosball table.

nization has bigger plans in mind.

"Actually our plan is to buy a house over on fraternity row," he said. "There's a plot over there that's empty, and maybe a couple of other options. The old ATO house is up for lease now and I would imagine anybody who has the money to buy it could buy it."



Ted Starnes and Eric Wagner hang Sigma Nu's letters on the fraternity's new house on Mountain Street.

answered, to meet emotional needs," said Joanne Kelley, president of TripleHeart and Mr. Kelley's wife.

Doctors recommend patients waiting for organ transplants get cell phones in case of emergency or if the hospital needs to let them know their organ is available.

Even phones not activated by a cellular service provider will dial 911 for free.

"And please remember the chargers," said Meyori Brown, activities chair for the Freshman Forum.

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## JSU sets Black History events

By Jennifer Tanner  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"The Souls of Black Folk" is the theme for Black History Month at JSU.

The Office of Multicultural Services is sponsoring many of the events being held here on campus. Among these events, there will be a comedy night, headlined by LaVell Crawford, and while admission is free to JSU students, admission is \$10 for everyone else.

There will be a Soul Food Dinner Theatre, featuring "Slaves with Two Faces." The play will be performed by the Alabama State University

Drama Department.

Also, there will be a chance to relive Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous March on Washington. The march will begin at 3 p.m. on Feb. 27. It will start at the International House, wind around Trustee Circle and end in front of Bibb Graves Hall, where a graduate student will recite King's renowned 'I Have A Dream' speech.

Over the past few years, JSU has entertained numerous speakers. Four years ago, Martin Luther King III came to Jacksonville to speak. Other speakers have included Dr. Charles Hines and Judge Mathis. Comedy acts in the

past have included Rickey Smiley and T.P. Hearn.

The Soul Food Dinner Theatre is still the most popular attraction. Shows in the past have included "Hooked on Love" and "1001 Black Inventions." Along with the fantastic productions, the menu is all-you-can-eat and includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, okra and many other traditional soul food items.

Black History Month hasn't always been celebrated. In fact, the idea of celebrating the contributions African Americans have made to society didn't occur until 1926. In

**see History, page 2**

## Recovery of shuttle debris continues in Texas, Louisiana

By Jennifer Emily  
and Dave Michaels  
The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

LUFKIN, Texas — While pausing with the nation to remember seven heroes, teams searching for their remains and scattered spacecraft pressed ahead Tuesday, counting among their finds a cockpit seat, part of the landing gear and a uniform patch with a Star of David.

The recovery of debris and body parts from the space shuttle Columbia escalated across East Texas and into Louisiana, as authorities added people and tools to the task of piecing together what happened in the sky Saturday morning.

The job ahead seems gargantuan, but searchers are making progress, authorities said.

"We're very pleased with the way this is going," said Greg Cohrs, director of the ground search in Sabine County. "This is a huge task."

Searchers have checked 400 reported debris sites in the county, but have covered less than five of the 1,000 square miles targeted for exploration, he said.

The hunt will go on "as long as it takes or as long as NASA asks us to," said Marcus Beard, a U.S. Forest Service district ranger.

By Tuesday afternoon, more



Knight Ridder-Tribune

As seen from Hurst, Texas, at 8:01 a.m. Saturday, debris from space shuttle Columbia streaks through the sky after the aircraft broke apart after entering the Earth's atmosphere.

than 12,000 pieces of the obliterated craft had been collected in Texas, said Win Henderson, a spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

State and federal authorities say shuttle debris have been found in 38 Texas counties in Texas and 19 Louisiana parishes.

The Environmental Protection Agency had gathered 118 bags of debris from 74 Texas locations, Henderson said. The collections include 37 sites in Ellis County. In Louisiana, 22 of 36 locations had been cleared, he said.

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## Credit debt solutions

By Miranda Bryant  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"Credit is not free," said Isaac Chappell, after a recent financial education workshop at JSU's Career and Counseling Services center.

Chappell, an agent from the Calhoun County Extension office, conducted that workshop on campus last month to give students ideas on how to avoid credit card debt. "If you don't protect your credit when you are

young," he said, "it will be very difficult to get the things you want in the future."

**• Last in a series on students and debt.**

"Credit card companies are not thinking about the students' best interests," said Chappell, who travels the county to educate college and high school students about the importance of

financial planning.

"You should have some short-term goals," he said.

Chappell said his 70-20-10 rule should help someone ease into a "spending plan." Seventy percent of an income needs to go towards living expenses, such as utility bills, household products and food. Twenty percent should be used for "rainy days" when birthdays and flat tires arise. The last 10 percent,

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By the numbers:

Successful shuttle flights between the Challenger and Columbia disasters:

**55**

Gamecock Scoreboard:

Men's basketball:

Feb. 3 - JSU 87, Savannah State 71  
Tonight - at Mercer, 91.9 FM, 6 p.m.

Women's basketball:

Feb. 1 - Troy State 84, JSU 76  
Tonight - at Florida Atlantic, 6 p.m.

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that year, Carter G. Wilson started a Black History Week.

It wasn't until 1976 that former President Jimmy Carter

## from Phones, page 1

"If you can't get rid of your charger, charge it before you give it away," according to Scott.

"It's a good, worthy cause because we are helping people

declared Black History be celebrated for an entire month. That month is February, a very important month in Black History. It is the birthday month of famed

abolitionist Frederick Douglas, as well as the great emancipator Abraham Lincoln. February is also the month that the NAACP was established.

who are in need of heart transplants to receive their transplant on time," Brown said.

Phones can be dropped off in the Office of Student Activities and the drive ends March 3.

"It will take some stress away from people, who are already under huge emotional stress as it is," said Mrs. Kelley.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ambassadors:** Applications for 2003-04 JSU Ambassadors will be available starting March 3 at the Visitor Center. **Contact:** Tracy Phillips, 782-5260.

• **Anime Club** is holding an organizational meeting Feb. 10 at 6 p.m., at Tomo Anime and Martial Arts, on Pelham Rd. in Jacksonville (across from the library next to Cecil's). All students interested in animation, Japanese Anime, Yu-Gi-Oh, Magic the Gathering, or anything of that genre should attend. **Contact:** Tomo Anime, 435-1160 or jsu1621h@gem.jsu.edu

• **JSU Cheerleader Tryouts:** JSU cheerleading tryouts will be April 11-13. Tryout applications must be turned in by Feb. 28 to be eligible for tryouts. You can pick up an information sheet and application at the JSU Athletic Department, or go online to [www.jsugamecocksports.com](http://www.jsugamecocksports.com) and click on the cheerleading link. **Contact:** Brittany Ishee, bishee@jsucc.jsu.edu

• **Counseling and Career Services** sponsors "Choosing a Major/Planning a Career" Workshop Feb. 6, 3-4 p.m. in the basement of Fitzpatrick Hall. Also, the Walt Disney World College Program is coming up. College credit opportunities may be available. Presentation is scheduled for Feb. 10 from 3-6 p.m., in the Gamecock Center of Stephenson Hall. Interviews scheduled after presentation. **Contact:** Norma Penny, npenny@jsucc.jsu.edu

• **Criminal Justice Department Seminar Series** presents Anniston Special Response Team Feb. 8 at 8 a.m. This seminar will give an overview of Special Response Teams. S.R.T.'s are police officers trained in specialty areas such as hostage negotiations, tactical entry, and raids. \*\* Students may receive one credit hour (CJ 488). Sign up in BH 126. **Contact:** William Coulter, will\_coulter@yahoo.com

• **ECE:** The English Competency Examination will be given Feb. 18, 6-7:30 p.m. and Feb. 19, 3-4:30 p.m. Registration for the ECE is Jan. 22-Feb. 12, 215 Stone Center. Optional workshops for the ECE will be Feb. 10, 6-7 p.m. and Feb. 11, 3-4 p.m., in the Merrill Hall auditorium (Room 250). **Contact:** Susan Sellers, 112 Stone Center, 782-5512, ssellers@jsucc.jsu.edu

• **Financial Aid:** The preference deadline to have all application forms on file for financial aid is March 15. The deadline to receive financial aid for Spring 2003 is March 31. All paperwork must be complete and in our office by this date. **Contact:** Stephanie Miller, 782-5001.

• **Freshman Forum:** We would like everyone to participate in Project: Valentine! We are asking everyone to donate their old cell phones, no matter what condition they are in. They will be distributed to those waiting for organ transplants. Please bring them by the Office of Student

## Faculty try to ease strain on GTA's

By Jamie M. Eubanks  
The Chanticleer News Editor

Candace Kohute is teaching seven labs, is a newly wed and is dealing with the usual comments from students, but she's not a professor. Candace Kohute is a graduate student.

The Faculty Senate recently passed a resolution, which has been passed on to the Academic Council for further review, to make the administration aware of the load graduate students were taking on.

"I've been teaching seven (labs) since I've been here," Kohute said. "They won't fund us enough money to get another [graduate teaching assistant] so we only have two in the geography and geology department. We have to teach or we'll have to drop the classes. We actually have really big classes. I have 30 to 32 people.

"It's easier to have 15 to 20 because it's more hands on stuff, it's easier for me to help everybody."

Enrollment increases have caused most of the problems for graduate students.

"As enrollment has increased we've been slowly adding labs and some of our graduate students now are responsible for seven different labs," said Dr. Kelly Gregg, associate professor of geography and geology. That may involve three different courses. It's not just teaching the same course seven times."

It takes between 30 and 45 minutes to prepare for each different course the GTA is teaching, according to Kohute. On top of preparing for classes,



The Chanticleer/Jamie M. Eubanks

Candace Kohute explains a geology lab to her students. She is teaching seven labs this semester on top of all of her graduate courses.

GTA's are also preparing for their own classes.

"We have to take classes, too," Kohute said. "We have to be able to fit it into our schedules. It's hard trying to teach seven labs and then take two or three of your own."

Teaching all these labs may have an adverse effect on the GTA's and their students, Gregg said. It should take two years to complete a graduate degree. Most of them don't come close to graduating in two years, largely because they are so busy all day long, according to Gregg.

"Last semester I had to drop a class because I was getting married," Kohute said. "It kind of got overwhelming. It just put me back just a little bit."

Not only does this huge load effect the GTA's, it also effects the undergraduate students.

"Also there is a danger of

quality going down in the labs," Gregg said. "I'm not sure we're seeing that, because we have very good graduate students. As you increase their workloads they're going to slip. It will diminish the quality of education the undergraduates get if they have an overworked graduate student."

Without graduate students, many of the class offerings in the sciences would have to be dropped, according to Gregg. The faculty is already booked solid, and if the faculty had to go back to the lab, students would notice a huge decrease in courses taught.

"I'm sure there has been no intent to exploit these students," Gregg said. "All Faculty Senate wanted to do was point this out."



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**Freshman Forum:** We would like everyone to participate in Project Valentine: we are asking everyone to donate their old cell phones, no matter what condition they are in. They will be distributed to those waiting for organ transplants. Please bring them by the Office of Student Activities, 402 TMB by March 3. **Contact:** Katie Scott, katiescott@hotmail.com

• **Get Singled-Out** by JSU Housing: This Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m., in the Roundhouse JSU Housing invites you to participate in Singled-Out. **Contact:** Sean Greninger, 782-7704.

• **Habitat for Humanity, Baptist Campus Ministries and the Wesley Foundation** will sponsor a Volleyball Marathon on Feb. 28 from noon until midnight to help sponsor a house for the Jimmy Carter Work Project to be held in Calhoun County on June 8-13. Find out how your organization or you, as an individual, can be involved. **Contact:** BCM, 435-7020.

• **The Organizational Council** will meet again Feb. 19 at 6 p.m., in the TMB auditorium. **Contact:** Student Activities, 782-5491.

• **Peer Educators:** Interested in becoming a Peer Educator? Attend an interest meeting March 5 and 6 at 3 p.m., in 303 TMB. **Contact:** Norma Penny, npenny@jsucc.jsu.edu

• **Phi Eta Sigma:** Sixty \$1,000 awards and thirty-one \$2,000 scholarships are available nationally to undergraduate members of Phi Eta Sigma. Five scholarships of up to \$5,000 each available for graduates. JSU Phi Eta Sigma members are invited to apply. For applications, see Mr. Kinney in Stone Center 105. Deadline for applications is Feb. 25. **Contact:** Rufus Kinney, 782-5467.

• **Phi Mu:** Good luck Phi Mu basketball! Our golf tournament for CMN is March 14 and the cost to play for students is \$35. Contact any sister for more info. Phi Mu Ladies of the Week are Bob, Karen and Jordan! Have a great week everyone! **Contact:** laceydoo@aol.com

• **The Public Relations Organization** will host Carolyn Conner, director of public relations and communications for the Calhoun County school system, on Feb. 19, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in 184 Self Hall. Our next meeting in on Feb. 11 at 5 p.m., in the Self Hall Conference Room. **Contact:** Dr. Ihator, 782-8205.

• **The Society of Professional Journalists** presents Anthony Cook, Metro Editor for the Anniston Star, on Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m., at The Chanticleer. Feb. 12, Felicia Mason, executive director of the Alabama Press Association, will speak at 207 Self Hall at 12-2 p.m. Free food. We need Web site designers. **Contact:** Mike Stedham, 782-5713.

• **SGA:** Feb. 12 come to the TMB at 7:30 p.m., to see comedian Jon Reep, free of charge. Are you interested in being involved with some of the events on campus? Call Mark at 782-4491 to be on his SAC. Senator applications now available. **Contact:** Andrew Symonds, bradleyjohn18@hotmail.com or 782-5495.

• **Writer's Club:** We are now accepting submissions for inclusion in the 2002-03 edition of the Student Literary Journal, "Something Else." \*\*See flyers for submission details.\*\* Please bring your entries by 116 Stone Center. **Contact:** Valerie Rimpsey, 782-8096 or hamilton@jsucc.jsu.edu

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The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

## CAMPUS CRIME

- Jan. 30 — Jennifer Ellen Smith, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Wyly Avenue.
- Jan. 31. — Daniel Clark Whited, 27, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Ladiga Street.
- Jan. 31 — Beau Justin Griffith, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for minor in possession/consumption of alcohol occurring at Chinabee Avenue.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

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he said, should go to a savings account or investment plan.

"If you find yourself using your credit card to eat your regular meals or buy gasoline," Chappell said, "then you probably aren't doing a good enough job planning."

"Just like your academic transcript follows you, so does your credit report," said Chappell. A credit report will stay on a record for seven years or longer.

"Several factors determine a credit score," according to the Alabama Department of Insurance. "There is a good chance that your current or prospective insurance company is looking at your credit." Bankruptcy, collections, foreclosures and charge-offs are major negative items factored into a credit score. According to ADI, other factors include the type of credit in use, past payment history and outstanding debt.

"We don't actually see the credit report," said David King, of Cotton States Insurance. "We

just see the credit score number determined by the reporting agency."

When employers and insurance companies receive a negative credit score, said Chappell, they will more than likely refuse service. "They think you won't do your part or pay your deductible," he said.

It is rare to find a young per-

***"If Bill Gates is not your daddy, at some point you are going to need to use credit."***

**•Isaac Chappell  
Calhoun Extension Agent**

son entering the work force with an exceptional credit score, said Colin Cotton, president of Farmers and Merchants Bank in Jacksonville. "A banker would need good credit to work at a bank," he said. "A credit check is basically a character check."

Many opportunities are out there for students to get

approved for credit cards, said Chappell.

Students need to be aware of the various kinds of credit, said Chappell, and know the effects of negative credit. "Know what you sign before you accept any credit," he said, "because there are hidden charges and comparable interest rates."

Chappell also advises that students learn the debt-to-income ratio. "For a certain amount of income, you can only afford to have a certain amount of credit."

"If you are having cash flow problems, get in touch with you're creditor," said Chappell. "Don't make it to where they have to contact you." Obtaining an easier payment plan is usually an option, he said, and sometimes it is best to consolidate debt onto a credit card with a lower interest rate.

"Your house, job and car depends on credit," said Chappell.

"If Bill Gates is not your daddy, at some point you are going to need to use credit," he said.

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And federal authorities were trying to verify reported debris in California, Arizona and Nevada — evidence that could shed light on the breakup's earliest moments.

Besides finding the Star of David patch — presumably that of Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon — Louisiana residents have also found one of the spacecraft's engines.

Debris sites near 17 Texas schools have been cleared, Henderson said, and classes resumed Tuesday at 31 schools, closed because of possible contamination.

All items will end up at Barksdale Air Force Base near Shreveport. Interim collection sites have been established at the former Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth and at National Guard Camp Beauregard near Alexandria, La.

Local residents are joining almost 2,000 Texas National Guard troops and federal, state and local investigators in combing pastures, woods and lakes, authorities said.

The Texas National Guard has deployed 486 soldiers around Nacogdoches and Lufkin while the Texas Department of Public Safety has dispatched more than 350 officers.

Civilian support teams from Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico are helping with the Texas search. Equipment includes 18 helicopters from the Texas Air National Guard, two DPS aircraft and a field kitchen provided by Texas Baptist Men.

Divers from the Texas Department of Public Safety used sonar at Toledo Bend Reservoir on the Texas-Louisiana border, where a fisherman reported the splashdown of a car-sized object on Saturday.

A cellular phone provider is dispatching crews to install temporary towers to respond to a demand for better communications in remote areas.

Early Wednesday, more than 36 volunteers with global-positioning equipment planned to comb the thick woods in San Augustine County. The tool links with satellites to pinpoint locations and will aid in mapping

debris.

More than 40 people responded to a call for help from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches and San Augustine County officials, said Van Bush, 911 coordinator for the county.

A mobile command post from Dallas/Fort Worth Airport has been in Lufkin since Saturday. Workers, equipped with 11 computer terminals, have logged more than 800 debris sites, said airport Fire Chief Alan Black.

In Sabine County, 60 soldiers in camouflage gear made their way down both sides of State Highway 148. They walked through a thicket of bushes and trees, hopped a chicken wire fence into a junkyard of cars and passed a row of abandoned buildings.

The soldiers parked several trucks in front of Murlene Seago's home. Seago said she wondered how they would find what they were searching for.

"I have a bunch of junk cars behind my house," she said. "The whole shuttle could be back there and they'd never find it."

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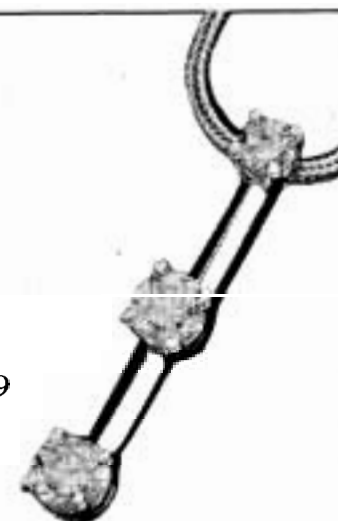
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### **LaVell Crawford**

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# OPINION

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## In Our View

### Stars fell ...

As the nation struggles to overcome the tragic loss of the space shuttle Columbia and its crew, it is a sobering thought that many of the freshmen who enter JSU this fall were not yet born when the Challenger made its brief and fateful ascent in 1986.

In fact, if you're reading this there's a pretty good chance you don't remember the shock that gripped the country that January day when seven brave souls — including a school-teacher — gave their lives in the daring pursuit of knowledge.

That may sound like just another sign of the fleeting passage of time, but there's a deeper idea to be had in it: NASA has been launching and landing space shuttles for a generation now. The technological miracle has become almost commonplace.

That's yet another sobering thought, at least to those few on campus who can remember the day in 1981 when Columbia became the first shuttle to carry Americans into orbit and back, ushering in the era of dependable, reusable space vehicles.

Now Columbia is gone, carrying with her another brave seven into realms far higher than any orbit yet reached by man.

So who are these men and women who keep climbing aboard these vessels, risking their lives to pull off near-impossible feats, when at times it must seem as if nearly no one is watching?

They are the same sort of pioneers who made the marvels of crossing the Atlantic, navigating the Missouri River, and flying through the air into everyday miracles. Explorers, inventors and researchers ... believers. They are the ones who tread alone where someday all humanity will follow. They touch the future before it becomes our present and our past.

It is dangerous to do this — to forge out ahead where few or none have gone before — and it is sometimes not properly appreciated until it is too late. This week we have lost seven of these believers, these dreamers, to the dangers of the frontier. Perhaps the real everyday miracle, the one we should really be so thankful for, is that there are so many waiting in line to take their place, to be the first to go where we all will be tomorrow.

## Senate needs to focus, but it also needs some help

The SGA Senate has been viewed by many students as a “do nothing” organization, whether they deserve that label or not. Last Monday night, many senators faced a rude awakening from one of their fellow senators.

Jordan Brewer preached a sermon to the senate about perceived problems with the Senate.

Brewer knows what it means to be a senator and he believes in the organization. He strives to do what is in the best interest of the student body.

Brewer has also caught a lot of flack for taking a stand. But



By  
Jamie M.  
Eubanks  
The Chanticleer  
News Editor

he's one the few who is taking a stand. He was brave enough to stand up in front of the entire senate and tell them how “worthless” they are if they aren't going to something for themselves.

Most meetings of the Senate I have been to have lasted no longer than 30 to 45 minutes. That time was taken up with announcements and planning events sponsored by the SGA.

There's not as much going on

as there should be, but the blame may not rest on the current senators. This is the way it's been done for years.

The job of the SGA is to serve and represent the students of JSU and promote their needs and wants to make the campus better for the students.

Many senators see the Senate as a great resume builder, not a place to build up the University — to help it grow and attract more students.

Brewer is chair of the Constitution and Code Committee. He has authored bills to correct the problems that plague the SGA through the document.

Stephanie Janis, first vice

president of the SGA, urges senators at every meeting to read their constitution and code. There are many errors and discrepancies that plague the SGA every election cycle.

Janis also had senators read the rules governing the Senate at Monday night's meeting.

Because the Senate is so caught up in planning and publicizing events, they really can't focus on these matters.

At one time there was a Student Activities Council whose main objective was to plan events on campus.

Bringing SAC back in a stronger form would cut part of the Senate's responsibilities and allow them to focus on the issues that are important to all students.

The SGA could also fund SAC to a greater extent to allow them more leeway in providing quality entertainment for students. Allowing SAC to focus solely on entertainment and events could lead to more quality events on campus; better bands, larger events and great times at JSU.

It is also our responsibility, as the student body, to hold our Senate accountable to their office. We can do this by showing up at the meetings, voicing our opinions and making sure they are carrying out their duties.

We also have the power to vote in the general election, which is March 4-5.

This is the perfect time to make sure we elect the right senators to do the right things for our University.



IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK



**"Do you think the president made the case for war with Iraq in his State of the Union Address?"**

--Compiled by  
Patricia Lockhart  
Photo Editor



**Jamal Davis**  
Junior  
History

"No, he didn't give details nor did he outline his plan."



**Brooke Carrol**  
Freshman  
Psychology

"Yes, I do think he supported the war with Iraq. I don't think he is saying we should attack them, but instead take a defensive attack."



**Mark Choquette**  
Senior  
Biology

"I think the case he made was broad, there were no specifics in his argument."



**April Best**  
Sophomore  
Pre-medical

"I really didn't get to see it, but I think war is uncalled for."



**Spencer Thurman**  
Senior  
Printmaking

"Maybe the president did not make a clear case for war, but I still think we should give Iraq a nuclear enema."

## The only answer: we are not invincible

By Myriam Marquez  
Orlando Sentinel (KRT)

The nation woke up to one large streak of white split into shimmering lights through the crisp Texas sky. Then came the inevitable. Scorched earth lay testament to the courage of Rick Husband, William McCool, Michael Anderson, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark and Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon.

It was supposed to be a perfect landing in Florida. Instead it became another day to mark a national catastrophe, another day in our lives that we'll remember by where we were at the time we heard the horrible news. Like the Challenger in 1986. Like The Reckoning of Sept. 11. And now Columbia.

All merged together Saturday to remind us that we are fallible, that we are mortal, and that life post-9-11 makes us ever more vulnerable to the fear of the "what if."

What if terrorism had played a role in this accident just minutes before the Columbia was to land at the Kennedy Space Center?

It was a knee-jerk question, but one not so far-fetched. We had an Israeli astronaut on board Columbia. We have a war against terror in which we're on the verge of imposing regime change on Iraq's Saddam Hussein. And Saddam makes no bones that he hates Israel's existence.

The second U.S. official NASA called after Columbia's lights dimmed was Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge. That's how things work now. Ridge is the coordinator for domestic "incidents."

We know that a patch of insulation flew off upon Columbia's takeoff and that might have damaged the shuttle's left wing. "We can't discount that there might be a connection," said Ron Dittmore, the program manager at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

We know, too, that this mission with a rainbow of Americans aboard was not as much a necessity — no payloads were being delivered to the space station, for instance — as it was a symbol of America's support for Israel's right to exist. In a patch of desert and up

in the heavens.

Ramon became a bright spot for many in these dark days of the war on terror. But now we are left with the realization that history does repeat itself in ways we don't always understand.

An aging fleet of shuttles, tight federal budgets, the future of space exploration — all were put into question again — by Columbia's demise.

Seventeen years ago, when the Challenger blew up before our very eyes upon takeoff, a shocked nation asked how could that be? We thought ourselves invincible, as if the shuttle came with a lifetime guarantee.

Now a nation shaken by New York's burning towers and the prospect of war in Iraq might wonder why we continue to sacrifice men and women in space — mothers and fathers and daughters and sons.

We keep searching the heavens for the answer.

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## Military's exclusion of gays will hurt U.S. efforts

By Jennifer Vanasco  
Progressive Media Project (KRT)

It might be gearing up for war, but the Marine Corps has decided that no matter how well they serve, gays aren't good when it comes to fighting.

So when the Corps issued a "Stop-Loss" order this month, it excluded gays and lesbians. That is, most Marines are prevented from leaving the service for the next year — but not if they're attracted to people of the same sex.

Gays and lesbians, it seems, are free to go.

It's curious that the Marines refuse to overcome these vestiges of national prejudice even during a time of impending war. After all, the military has been the great equalizer, folding in blacks during the Civil War, and Japanese-Americans (even when their families were in internment camps) and women during World War II.

The ability to fly a bomber or shoot a missile should be more important than who you love. The Marine Corps' policy is not only discriminatory, it also opens a loophole. Don't want to

go overseas to war? Scared to face the threat of bio-terrorism? Just come out.

Charlie Moskos, who helped craft the Pentagon's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, recently identified this opening for soldiers and suggested that if the draft were re-instated, the hole should be sewn closed.

"You can't use a gay ban with a draft because that would make it too easy for people to get out," Moskos said.

Even without a draft, it makes no sense that the military is content to release gay and lesbian soldiers — and anyone who is willing to pretend to be gay and lesbian — just because some anonymous straight men and women are worried about them.

After Sept. 11, at least seven Arabic linguists and two Korean-language specialists were kicked out of the military because they were found to be gay. They wanted to continue to serve. They may have figured that the military — hurting for Arabic speakers — would keep them around anyway. They were wrong.

A record 1,250 gays and lesbians were discharged from the

military in 2001, according to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. This is the highest number since "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" was instated in 1993.

How is this preserving military effectiveness?

As Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said, "For those who needed further evidence of how ill-advised the anti-gay military policy is, they now have it. Firing talented people who possess a scarce and sorely needed skill because some people don't like their choice of social companions puts prejudice ahead of national security."

The Marine Corps should change its policy. Preserving our national security is more important than preserving prejudice.

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# FEATURES

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## “On the Brink” of Southern literary success at JSU

*Nine Southern writers about to break through converge on campus to discuss their latest works*

By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

The ninth annual On the Brink conference brings nine Southern writers to campus on Feb. 15.

The English department is hosting the event as part of the University's annual Kaleidoscope Festival of the Arts.

The conference's purpose is to bring emerging writers from different genres to campus to read from their works and answer questions from the audience. A committee of six faculty members from different departments chose writers to feature at the conference. “[The conference] started with [the committee's] desire to bring writers to campus,” said Gena Christopher,

OTB committee and English department faculty member. “We also discovered pretty quickly that we have a community of readers that enjoy meeting writers and hearing about their books.”

The conference is so well-known within the area that the committee is having requests from writers and their publishers to be invited to the event, according to Christopher.

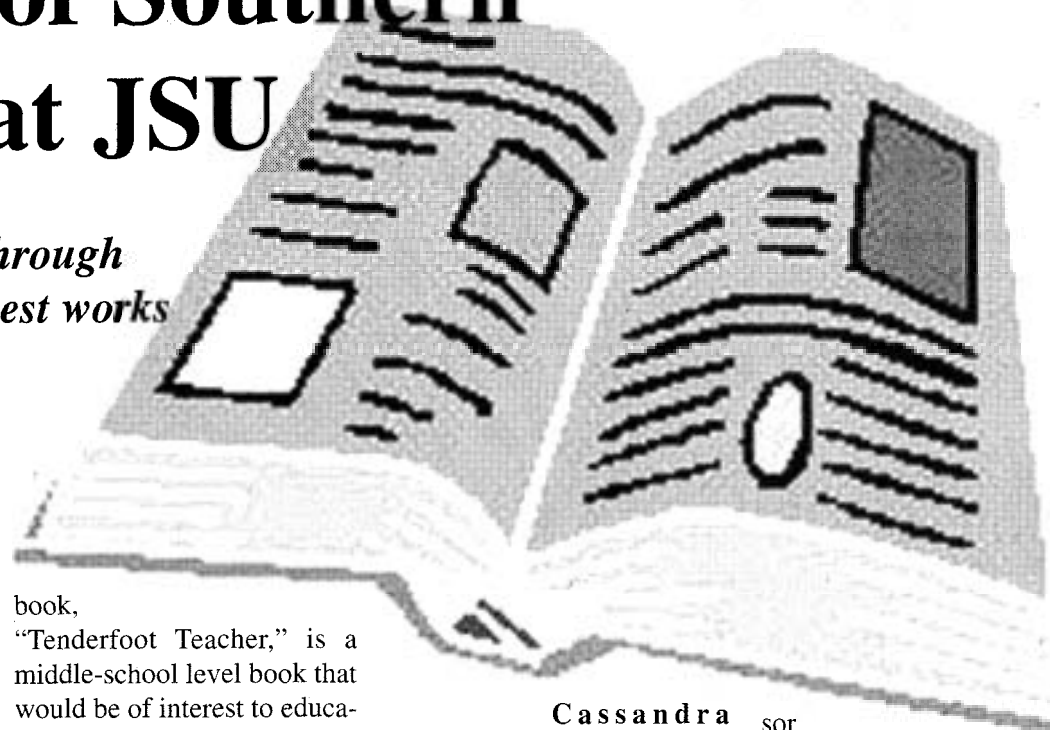
This year's featured writers range from school teachers to journalists and live in places from Kentucky to Pennsylvania.

**Aileen Henderson** is a graduate of the University of Alabama. She has published three award-winning children's books. Her featured

book,

“Tenderfoot Teacher,” is a middle-school level book that would be of interest to education majors, according to Christopher. Henderson lives in Brookwood, Ala.

**Brian Hicks** is a senior writer with The Post and Courier in Charleston, S.C. He has received several journalism awards, including the South Carolina Press Association Journalist of the Year award. His featured book, “Raising the Hunley,” covers the history and recovery of the lost confederate submarine, the H.L. Hunley.



**Cassandra**

**King** was born in Alabama and taught college-level English and writing. She now lives in South Carolina with her husband, Pat Conroy. Her debut novel and featured book of the conference, “The Sunday Wife,” speaks about the balance between marriage and individual identity from a Southern point of view.

**Norman McMillan** is a graduate of the University of Alabama and a retired profes-

sor

from Montevallo.

He earned his Ph.D in English in Michigan. In his retirement, he wrote his memoir “Distant Son,” his featured work in the conference. The memoir is about McMillan's tough life growing up in a large sharecropping family with an alcoholic father and a JSU-alumna mother.

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## Garbage is in the eye of the beholder

By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer  
Features Editor



The same station that refused to air the “coming out” episode of Ellen DeGeneres' show “Ellen” is now refusing to air “Jimmy Kimmel Live.”

ABC 33/40 of Birmingham reportedly said in a statement made by the president and manager of the station at the time to the Minnesota Daily in 1997 that, “We do not think it is appropriate for family viewing.”

The station attempted to get permission from ABC to air the show in a later time slot instead of 8 p.m., but the network wouldn't approve it.

Now, 33/40 is showing week-old re-runs of the Oprah Winfrey Show during the 11:35 p.m. time slot instead of Jimmy Kimmel's raunchy and inebriated talk show.

The station says their reasons for not airing the show had to do with worries about its content.

As a student in the communication department and in my limited media experience, I am predicting the station

## MTV picks new crop of teen bands

By Jim Farber  
New York Daily News

Every media outlet needs to flog new trends to keep fans

Viacom.

MTV didn't pluck the acts out of nowhere. Good Charlotte had already sold gold with its debut CD, “The Young and the Hopeless”

## Book guides ‘serial monogamists’

By Summer Rogers  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

In the world we live in today, it is blatantly obvious that relationships no longer adhere to “The Rules.” In Carine Chernow's “Do You

partner). Sarcastic (charming a person of the opposite sex by playing off a bad attitude as a strange sense of humor). And if you simply can't decide between which approach to use, she even



Every media outlet needs to flog new trends to keep fans riveted. Given the gnat-like attention span of its audience, MTV needs to hawk more than most.

Now the network seems to have hooked into a doozie. All five groups MTV picked to click during its "Spankin' New Bands" week saw a huge sales spike on this week's Billboard Album chart.

The numbers: Simple Plan shot up 71 percent, the Donnas rose 70 percent, the Used went up 51 percent, Good Charlotte added 46 percent and New Found Glory rose 26 percent.

According to programming czar Tom Calderone, the network decided to back this neo-punk-pop music, to the exclusion of all others, "to overstate the case that rock is back."

It showcased the bands on the popular "TRL" call-in show to prove that "the old 'TRL' image of Justin Timberlake and the Backstreet Boys is changing."

The bands were also plugged on the Infinity Broadcasting radio network, which, like MTV, is owned by

Charlton. He already sold gold with its debut CD, "The Young and the Hopeless," which stands at No. 12 in Billboard's Top 200. The other groups had been getting heavy buzz on MTV.com, MTV2 and the road.

But with MTV's endorsement last week, Simple Plan went to No. 44 from No. 59 on the Top 200 and the Donnas to No. 67 from No. 117.

Calderone believes the favored wave will turn out to represent the true "new rock," as opposed to the groups picked by the media last year. The MTV-backed bands draw both sexes and have as much support in midsize markets as in big ones.

But what does this say about MTV's commitment to hip hop? Calderone says the network will push a new clutch of rappers down the road. And, no, he doesn't think the new rock spells the end of teen pop.

"It just shows that it's more diverse," he says.

Meaning, at this point, you no longer need to be a teen idol to make teens scream.

adhere to "The Rules." In Carina Chocano's "Do You Love Me or Am I Just Paranoid? A Guide for Serial Monogamists," she takes a satirical approach to dating in the 21st century. In it, she addresses the horror of blind dates, the reasons for forgetting the "perfect mate" and simply lowering your standards, and how the symptoms for both love and psychosis are strikingly similar.

In the first and second chapters, she discusses the different personas one often takes on in order to be more attractive to a future mate. Examples are: Adaptive (taking a sudden interest in anything your potential partner shows an interest in, whether it be R&B or heroin, in order to seem more attractive to her or she). Passive Aggressive (revealing all your "issues" so that a potential partner feels strangely compelled to fix all your problems). Reactive (only interested in a potential mate who is the exact opposite of their former

can't decide between which approach to use, she even gives you some last resorts such as Vixen, One of the Guys, Low-Maintenance, and Lacto-Vegetarianism.

In chapters three through six, she discusses the torment of being newly single. However, for "serial monogamists" this phase usually only lasts for about 24 hours at the most. This is because they immediately begin a new dysfunctional relationship almost as soon as the last one ended. This is so they may have someone to fill the void, a.k.a. someone else to explore "where the relationship is going, and why aren't we there yet?" with.

In the last two chapters, she explores the part of breaking up that we have all experienced. The emotional turmoil and getting through it. She talks about things we have all done such as calling our former partner and then hanging up when they answer, waiting mercilessly by the phone for the call that



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never comes, and finally, bouncing back into a rebound relationship that you know is never going to work out.

This book takes a wonderful approach to the things we often take too seriously. You will laugh at her advice for finding a partner, "Stop being so picky. If you include your nightmares, the person of your dreams is within your reach," and relate with her theory of hanging on to a relationship simply because it is comfortable. In my opinion, anyone who has ever experienced the dysfunction that relationships often bring will enjoy this book from beginning to end.

my limited media experience, I am predicting the station has the following concerns:

Sponsors pulling their advertising out of that time slot because of differences in opinion concerning the show's content.

Local church and children's advocacy groups will complain because of the slight possibility that a poor, innocent child may see the show.

Now, as a 20-year old student who loves children and understands the need for the station to draw in revenue from advertisers, I reply to the station's possible concerns with the following:

I'm pretty sure the "1-800-HOT-GIRLS" advertisers won't mind the raunchy content of the Kimmel show. It's not like local churches or extremely reputable businesses are running ads at that hour of the night.

By 11:35 p.m. children should be in bed. Notice I said "should." I know in this day and age there are many unsupervised children and irresponsible parents, but it is not 33/40's job to baby-sit the kids or filter what they see. Both of those things are a parent's job.

As a working adult student, I see no problem with me watching what I want to. I pay the 40-something dollars a month for cable — don't tell me what is appropriate or inappropriate for me to watch.

Ted Koppel said on Super Bowl Sunday, "There will be no special post-Super Bowl edition of 'Nightline' tonight so that ABC can bring you the following piece of garbage."

Koppel may think it's "garbage" and so may ABC 33/40, but it's my adult right to watch what I want to on my television.

## Up 'Til Dawn raises \$7,900

By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

JSU's Up 'Til Dawn celebrated its third year on campus with its annual event Friday night.

The organization dedicated to raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., has raised about \$7,900 this year, according to co-director Jamie Eubanks. Their goal is to raise \$2,100 more before the end of the semester.

The all-night event lasted from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and featured a tug o' war competition, karaoke at 2 a.m. and lots of food.

By 6 a.m., 135 people had signed in to participate in the night's events. The participants

were given bracelets that assigned them to a color team. Each team had a St. Jude patient's name and age on its bracelets. "In essence, the team was staying up all night for that particular child," said Eubanks.

The money raised came from teams made up of students and faculty members from different campus organizations and departments.

The Freshman Forum team raised over \$900. Members of the team said they collected money from friends and family members with the help of other Freshman Forum members. One student, Nichole D'Andrea, convinced her hometown's Alabama Power Company branch to donate \$100.

Other teams like the SGA

Executive Council team did more creative fundraisers. They sold gamecock paper cut-outs for donations and then pinned the cut-outs on a bulletin board in the TMB.

Other top-fundraising teams included the JSU softball team with over \$500 and the Office of Academic and Student Affairs who raised \$780. Alabama Power was the only corporate sponsor this year with their donation of \$500 total. Donation cans located in local businesses around the community yielded about \$600.

UTD was fortunate enough to get donations from local businesses such as Papa John's and Domino's, as well as many area grocery stores, who provided food and drinks for the event.



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SGA Executive Council team members Crystal Roden (l) and Robert Hayes make cards for St. Jude patients at Friday night's Up 'Til Dawn event.



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**Michael Morris** graduated from Auburn University and then worked in government affairs in North Carolina. While there, he wrote his first novel and featured OTB work "A Place Called Wiregrass." The book is centered around a fleeing woman named Erma Lee who ends up being forced to come to terms with her buried secrets.

**Lynn Pruett** graduated from

Mount Holyoke in South Hadley, Mass., and then earned a master's degree in fine arts at the University of Alabama. Her novel "Ruby River" tells of the life of a newly widowed mother in a small Southern town and chronicles her struggles. Pruett currently teaches fiction at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

**Steven Sherrill** is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and

earned his master's degree in fine arts in poetry from the Iowa Writers' Workshop. His featured book "The Minotaur Takes a Cigarette Break" is a story about a chef minotaur struggling to live in the South. Sherrill was the recipient of the Lila Wallace/Reader's Digest Fellowship to the McDowell Colony award.

**Hans Watford**, a practicing cardiologist in Birmingham, Ala., received his medical train-

ing at UAB and the University of Texas. His first medical thriller and OTB featured book, "Mortal Strain," received the Santa Barbara Writer's Conference award for Outstanding Fiction Writing in 2002.

**Isabel Zuber**, a poet, lives in Salem, N.C. Her first novel "Salt" is her OTB featured

work. The novel tells the story of a free-spirited young woman and her passionate union with a hard-driven hill farmer.

Registration for the conference is \$15 for students and \$40 for non-students. The deadline to register is Monday. Contact Gena Christopher at 782-5856 for more information or to register.

The conference will host these nine emerging writers on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library.

"[The conference] started out as a pretty selfish desire as a department to have writers come to campus," said Christopher, "and we found people who wanted that just as badly as we did."

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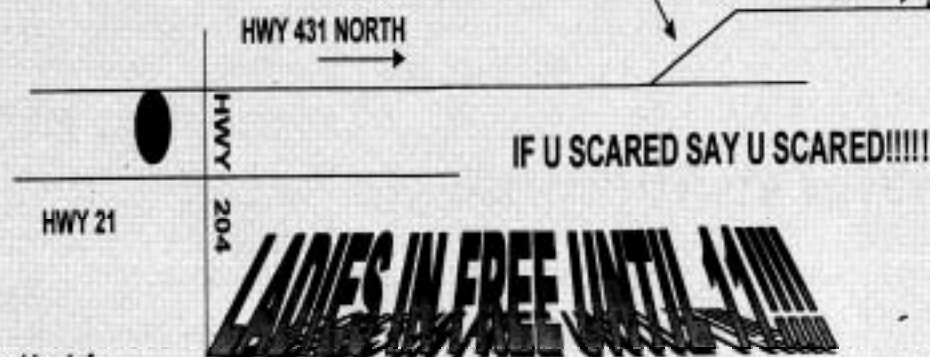
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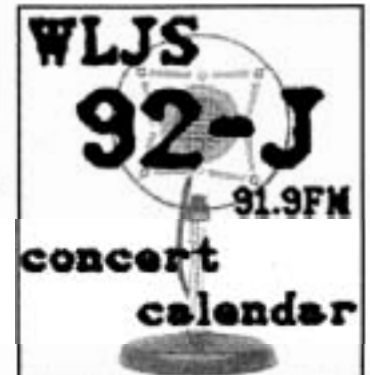
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IM's lead to  
friends, health  
and happiness

By  
J. Wilson Guthrie  
The Chanticleer  
Sports Editor



As a member of a greek letter fraternity I have been participating in intramural sports since I was a pledge.

And some of the best stories that I have about my fraternity deals either with an IM game or something that happened in direct relation with an IM.

But as of late I have not been on the court, tossing the football or playing IM pool. I am a working college student, with three jobs, The Chanticleer of course, I cook, and I am a member of the United States Army Reserve.

So my time is limited but I did enjoy my days when even though we got the crap beaten out of us, we got out there and gave it our all and we had fun. Male bonding at its best.

But people like me seem to be a growing trend among college students. We are all working so much and so many hours on top of our school load, a lot of us look like walking zombies that just stepped out of the movie screen.

We never seem to have time to work out. I used my

## Barlett, C. Brown de-claw tigers

By J. Wilson Guthrie  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

JSU's two big men led the Gamecocks to their 13th victory of the season over the Savannah State Tigers 87-71 Monday upping their record to 13-7.

Carl Brown's 17 from the bench, added to Omar Barlett's 18 points and 11 rebounds, made up the bulk of the Gamecocks' 87 total points. Also coming in with double digits on the night were Trent Eager with 10 and Jay Heard with 13.

Jamal Daniels led the Tigers with 12 points and eight rebounds. Helping his cause was Chris Daniel who sunk 10 points but only had a dismal three rebounds.

No points and turnovers by both teams marked the first minute and seven seconds of the game. Although the Gamecocks recovered, Savannah State did not.

JSU scored 22 points off turnovers and had 26 second chance points to the Tigers 10 and 12 respectively. And with Savannah's 22 turnovers and

JSU's 19 offensive rebounds, these numbers spelled certain disaster for the visiting Tigers.

Aiding the Gamecocks were the blatant fouls by the SSU team. Also adding to the physical game were two technical fouls assessed on Brian Fisher and Carlos Smalls, both of the Tiger team.

SSU kept the game within reach for the first half of play allowing the Gamecocks to only an 8-point lead. The Tigers also tied the game once and even held a 4-point lead for a short time. And with JSU shooting only 36.4 percent on the half, things may have looked dismal, save the score.

But JSU blazed out of the gates during the second half building a 17 point lead with 15:41 left in the game. Spurring on JSU's lead was a 9-0 run led by Barlett and Brown.

Bringing the lead at one time to 22, the second half of play was lopsided and marred with fouls again. With a 22 point lead at two minutes remaining, SSU caught the showboating bug. Attempted dunks and blind

passes could remind someone of playground ball.

But despite the game falling into a who-could-out-do-who for Savannah State, the Gamecocks persevered. Choosing to add their exclamation marks throughout the game, Scott Watson dished Barlett and Brown both dunks and James Denson threw Barlett another.

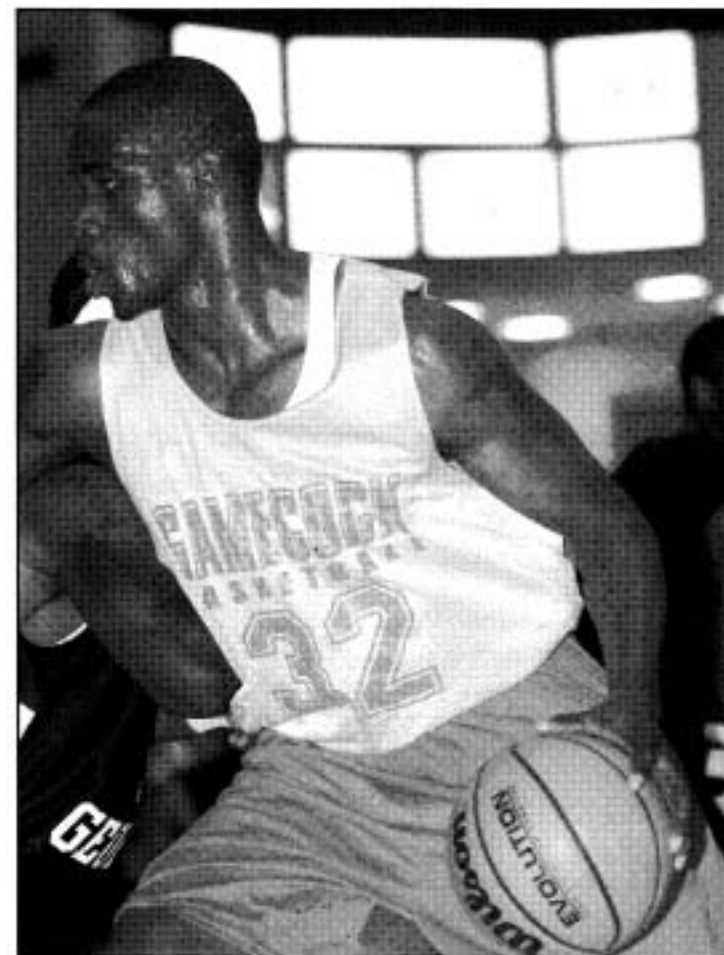
"I am playing behind the stud," said the sophomore Brown, about Barlett. "I am going with the flow, but I am still behind a senior."

"Carl (Brown) can score big points at any night," said Barlett about Brown's performance off the bench.

The Gamecocks have two tough road games up next, at Mercer and archrival Troy. And the road is not nice to the Gamecocks who have a 3-5 away record.

"[You] can't expect to go into someone else's house and go up by 30," said Brown.

"As long as we play hard defense, the offense will come automatically," said Barlett. "We look at it as another game."



Courtesy The Anniston Star/ Kevin Qualls

JSU's Omar Barlett works under the basket. The Gamecocks' big man could not be stopped as JSU topped the Savannah State Tigers Monday.

## Women drop two straight; still No. 1 in North

By Michael Vaughan II  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State returned to Atlantic Sun play this week with an undefeated 5-0 record. They didn't finish it that way after losing a pair, to Mercer 65-43, and at home to Troy State 84-76. The losses



found an unfriendly Troy team waiting, as JSU lost its second straight game by a score of 84-76.

The Gamecocks shot 70 field goals, hitting only 28 and shot 30 3-pointers, hitting only nine. They did outrebound TSU 42-37, but were outscored in the paint 38-27.

more than four points.

Troy hit a modest 5-1 run to lead by eight, but that margin was eliminated by the eight-minute media timeout, as the two stood locked at 61.

The tie progressed to 67-67, but the final four minutes was decidedly Troy State's, as they sunk 9-of-10 free throws to pull

we never seem to have time to work out. I used my IM games as an excuse to get out and actually do some type of physical activity.

And it is. I know that there aren't many people that actually sit down and say, 'alright, I am going to go do some aerobic exercise now.' But a lot of people that would otherwise be playing "Halo" now get out and get some exercise.

I couldn't get a hard number from the guys that run the IM's, but there are somewhere in the neighborhood of 30 independant IM teams, and add that to approximately 10-12 fraternal teams and that is roughly 40 teams.

And that is great but not nearly good enough.

I had a player from an independent team tell me that they don't play enough games because there aren't enough places to play.

But the more people that play, that might force someone to recognize that people are interested and that people care about IM's.

It is as easy as making a trip up to Stephenson, getting some friends together and turning in the paperwork.

Ask people that you have class with, heck, it's a great way to make friends for all of those freshmen that never come out of the dorms, save to drive home on the weekend or to go to class. And chances are that if you have class with them they have the same type schedule.

It's really not that hard.

So get together, get healthy and get some exercise. Oh, and while you are doing that, meet some interesting people and have some fun.

and losing a pair, to Mercer 65-43, and at home to Troy State 84-76. The losses snapped the JSU Division-I record win streak at six games.

JSU traveled to Macon, Ga., last Thursday to play the Mercer Bears. The Gamecocks would have been happier at home as they were throttled by the 5-12 Bears by a 65-43 score. The loss dropped JSU to an 11-5 record and 5-1 in the conference.

The Gamecocks committed 26 personal fouls to Mercers 16 and coughed up the ball 11 times to only three assists. Only one of the 16 attempted 3-point shots went in, for a horrendous 6.3 percent average. From the floor, JSU shot 16-of-59 for a 27.1 percent mark. Mercer also outrebounded JSU by a 60-37 margin.

Individually the numbers were as bleak as the team. Shanika Freeman scored 11 points in 29 minutes before she fouled out, going 4-of-11 from the floor. Freddrika Embry and NcKell Copeland scored nine



Courtesy The Anniston Star/Trent Penny  
Jacksonville State's Kelly Nye looks to the hoop over the arms of Troy State defender Chaquita Alexander. The Gamecocks had two hard losses but managed to stay atop the A-Sun North with a 5-2 record.

apiiece with Embry going 4-of-13 and Copeland shooting 4-of-10 with the Gamecocks only 3-pointer. Tiara Eady scored six points and grabbed six rebounds.

Three of the five Gamecock starters: Kelly Nye, Cobie

Carlisle and Heathar Shepard, went a combined 0-of-10 from the field.

The Gamecock women returned home to the friendly confines of "the Pete" on Saturday to face their archrival, the Troy State Trojans. They

37, but were outscored in the paint 38-27.

Freeman scored in double figures for the 28th straight game, recording 27 points and 10 rebounds. It was her 11th double-double on the year. Embry scored 11 and Eady scored seven points and snatched nine rebounds.

The first half started great for the Gamecocks, as they spurted out to a 9-2 lead. The joy would be short lived, as Troy went on an 11-4 streak of their own to tie the game at 13-13. An exchange of buckets led to a 22-22 deadlock, where Troy went on a 12-2 run, with Thea Herring scoring eight. The Gamecocks managed to collapse the lead to one at the half, 36-35.

Nye brought the crowd to their feet to start the second half, as she drained a quick three to regain the lead for the Gamecocks. The teams then proceeded to swap the lead back and forth for the next nine minutes, as neither team led by

decidedly Troy State's, as they sunk 9-of-10 free throws to pull away to the final margin. JSU shot themselves in the foot by going 7-of-16 from the charity stripe in the second half.

"It's always rough to lose, but it's harder when it's a conference game, and roughest when it's Troy," said Amanda Tyus.

"The 3-pointers came from the Trojans Pack D(efense)," said Freeman. "We just need to hit the shots a little more often."

There's no rest for the weary as Jacksonville State gets a pair of road games this week. They play tonight at Florida Atlantic. Then they travel to Orlando, Fla., to take on the Central Florida Golden Knights this Saturday afternoon.

"If we are to win the conference, someone must step up besides Freeman and Embry," said head coach Dana Austin. "We're still hungry, we're still number one in the division, but we need to rest and refocus."

## IM's bring friends together

By J. Wilson Guthrie  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

With both basketball seasons beginning to wind down and baseball and softball seasons just around the corner, the JSU intramural sports program is heating up.

Independent and fraternal organizations alike can compete in sports ranging from bowling to water polo. All anyone has to do is fill out some simple forms and take them to the recreational sports office.

Most sports either operate under an elimination style tournament or a playoff system. In basketball, which is going on now, there are two divisions in the men's and women's classes. The divisions are made up of the fraternal organizations and the independent teams.

"We take two independent teams and four fraternities to the playoffs," said Ross Nelson, a referee for recreational sports.

All someone needs to do to put a team together is to have some friends or take a trip to Stephenson

Gym.

"Most teams are built of people that are already friends," said David Barrett, coach of the GDI's, an independent basketball team. "We started playing pickup in Stephenson."

"The independent teams usually

fair better than the fraternities," said Nelson. "They can just pick and choose who they play with."

Upcoming intramural events include soccer, golf and the always favorite softball.

"We (the GDI's) are moving into softball," said Barrett.



The Chanticleer/J. Wilson Guthrie  
The Baptist Campus Ministries women's basketball team squared off against the Lady Ballers Tuesday. Here a BCM player shoots a free-throw.

## Softball fan day planned to open this year's season

By Amado Ortiz  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State softball team will kick off the 2003 season with a student-friendly fan day this Sunday.

The fan day will begin at 2 p.m. and the team will host a home run derby and a throwing contest. There will also be prizes and drawings during the day, and fans will be treated to free popcorn and cokes.

The softball team has added picnic tables along the outfield and foul line fences to allow fans to tail-

gate. The Gamecocks are inviting you to come and be a part of what promises to be a memorable season.

"This is a great opportunity for the students and fans to show their spirit," said head coach Jana McGinnis. "Come support and meet every player from the softball team."

The Gamecocks hope the enthusiasm will carry over to the first game of the year when JSU hosts Lipscomb on Wednesday, Feb. 12. First pitch is set for 3:30 p.m.



# UCF downs Samford; Mercer takes G-W

## Central Florida 58 Samford 52

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Ray Abellard scored 13 points, leading Central Florida past Samford 58-52 in an Atlantic Sun Conference men's basketball game Saturday night.

The win was the fifth in UCF's last six games, and also was the Golden Knights' third straight over Samford. UCF was 3-17 all-time against Samford prior to this three-game streak, which began last season.

Abellard was the only UCF player in double figures. Dexter Lyons and Ed Dotson each scored nine for the Golden Knights (15-7, 7-2).

## Mercer 76 Gardner-Webb 64

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. (AP) — Scott Emerson had 20

points and 14 rebounds Saturday as Mercer used a 14-2 run over the last five minutes to beat Gardner-Webb 76-64.

Wesley Duke scored 12 points while Aleem Muhammad and Delmar Wilson each had 11 for the Bears (13-5, 7-2 Atlantic Sun Conference), who have won four of their last five games.

Andre Manning scored 12 points to lead Gardner-Webb (3-18, 1-8), while Tim Behrendorff, Eli Strait and Brendan Clowry each added 10.

Mercer led 62-57 before Gardner-Webb tied the game with a 3-pointer from Josh Chiles and a fastbreak layup from David Anderson with 5:07 to play.

## Troy State 100 Campbell 75

BUIES CREEK, N.C. (AP) — Ben Fletcher scored 24 points and hit six 3-point field goals

Saturday as Troy State beat Campbell 100-75.

Marcus Milhouse had 15 points and nine rebounds for the Trojans (17-4, 8-1 Atlantic Sun Conference), who hit 14 3-pointers and outrebounded the Camels (4-15, 1-8) 53-34.

Rob Lewin had 14 points and 14 rebounds, Herbert Evans had 14 points and Kendrick Johnson had 13 for Troy State.

The Trojans grabbed 19 offensive rebounds, blocked 10 shots and had 12 steals to win their fifth straight game.

Troy State held Campbell to 11-for-34 shooting in the first half to take a 47-27 lead at the break. The Trojans then shot 55 percent in the second half to prevent a Campbell comeback. The Camels got no closer than 15 points in the second half.

Tarick Johnson had 21 points to lead Campbell, which committed 19 turnovers and lost for the fourth straight time.



## Atlantic Sun Conference Basketball Standings & Results

### Men's Standings

|                  | Conference |   |      |     |     | Overall |    |      |     |      |
|------------------|------------|---|------|-----|-----|---------|----|------|-----|------|
| North            | W          | L | Pct. | H   | A   | W       | L  | Pct. | H   | A    |
| Belmont          | 7          | 2 | .778 | 1-2 | 6-0 | 12      | 9  | .571 | 4-2 | 9-7  |
| Georgia St.      | 5          | 3 | .625 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 10      | 9  | .526 | 6-2 | 4-7  |
| JaxState         | 5          | 4 | .556 | 5-1 | 0-3 | 12      | 7  | .650 | 7-1 | 6-6  |
| Samford          | 4          | 5 | .444 | 1-2 | 3-3 | 8       | 12 | .400 | 4-3 | 4-9  |
| Campbell         | 1          | 8 | .111 | 1-4 | 0-4 | 4       | 18 | .200 | 1-8 | 0-10 |
| Gardner-Webb     | 1          | 8 | .111 | 1-3 | 0-5 | 3       | 19 | .136 | 3-5 | 0-14 |
| South            |            |   |      |     |     |         |    |      |     |      |
| Troy St.         | 8          | 1 | .889 | 3-1 | 5-0 | 17      | 4  | .810 | 6-1 | 11-3 |
| Mercer           | 7          | 2 | .778 | 2-1 | 5-1 | 16      | 7  | .696 | 8-2 | 8-5  |
| UCF              | 7          | 2 | .778 | 4-1 | 3-1 | 13      | 5  | .722 | 4-1 | 9-4  |
| Jacksonville     | 5          | 3 | .625 | 3-3 | 2-0 | 10      | 10 | .500 | 5-3 | 4-7  |
| Stetson          | 2          | 7 | .222 | 2-4 | 0-3 | 4       | 14 | .222 | 3-6 | 1-8  |
| Florida Atlantic | 1          | 8 | .111 | 1-4 | 0-5 | 6       | 16 | .273 | 3-3 | 0-13 |

### Upcoming Games Feb. 6

Jacksonville at Belmont  
Jacksonville St. at Mercer, 7:00

### Feb. 8

Jacksonville St. at Troy St. 7:00  
Stetson at Belmont  
Jacksonville at Samford

### Women's Standings

|                  | Conference |   |      |     |     | Overall |    |      |     |      |
|------------------|------------|---|------|-----|-----|---------|----|------|-----|------|
| North            | W          | L | Pct. | H   | A   | W       | L  | Pct. | H   | A    |
| Jax St.          | 5          | 2 | .714 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 11      | 7  | .611 | 7-2 | 4-5  |
| Georgia St.      | 4          | 3 | .571 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 9       | 9  | .500 | 5-3 | 4-6  |
| Campbell         | 3          | 4 | .429 | 3-0 | 0-4 | 7       | 11 | .389 | 6-4 | 1-7  |
| Belmont          | 2          | 5 | .286 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 11      | 7  | .611 | 5-3 | 6-4  |
| Gardner-Webb     | 2          | 5 | .286 | 2-0 | 0-5 | 3       | 15 | .166 | 3-2 | 0-12 |
| Samford          | 0          | 7 | .000 | 0-5 | 0-2 | 4       | 14 | .222 | 1-6 | 3-8  |
| South            |            |   |      |     |     |         |    |      |     |      |
| UCF              | 6          | 1 | .857 | 2-1 | 4-0 | 10      | 8  | .556 | 5-5 | 5-3  |
| Florida Atlantic | 6          | 1 | .857 | 2-0 | 4-1 | 8       | 10 | .444 | 4-2 | 4-8  |
| Troy St.         | 5          | 2 | .714 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 10      | 8  | .556 | 5-1 | 5-7  |
| Mercer           | 4          | 3 | .571 | 3-0 | 1-3 | 6       | 12 | .333 | 4-2 | 2-10 |
| Stetson          | 3          | 4 | .429 | 3-2 | 0-2 | 4       | 14 | .222 | 4-6 | 0-8  |
| Jacksonville     | 2          | 5 | .286 | 2-3 | 0-3 | 4       | 14 | .222 | 3-7 | 1-7  |

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# Canadian Kat loves to play Gamecock B-ball

By Jane Little  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Independence is evident and confidence is a virtue. The slender, smooth, sneaky prowler has instincts of success. The predator watches and waits to pounce at the opportunity to score a meal. A loyal and dedicated feline that often strays in seek of a life of its own, has intelligence that is immeasurable, and at times goes unnoticed. They have the ability to run fast, climb high and jump far. An admired animal that is born to accomplish many tasks. Some people want a dog; I would rather have a "Kat."

Katja "Kat" Fuess, is a 6-foot-2 freshman center, from British Columbia, Canada.

She has been a part of Canada's National Team Regional Training Program and played with Junior and National team level competition. She also played for one of the most renowned high school teams in Canada. In Fuess's last three years at Heritage Park High School they had a remarkable record of (101-3).

"It was a culture shock com-

lot of talent. I know I made the right decision to come here."

It was not easy for Fuess to cross North America to pursue her dreams of playing NCAA Division I basketball, but she truly loves the game. She also loves life. Fuess is a spunky, well-spoken, enthusiastic person. She is outgoing and enjoys meeting new people and having lots of fun.

Fuess loves that her life revolves around basketball. Recently a tragedy in her life has given her even more inspiration to play hard. "I use to play because I love basketball, but now I play for my stepfather," said Fuess.

Fuess's stepfather, Doug Weir, passed away last year. She speaks highly of all her family who live in Germany and Canada and

gives them a lot of credit for helping her along the way.

Fuess might be from the north, but she is never cold on the court. If you watch her closely you will find she is always in the right position. She cuts at the perfect moment and her technical skills are superb. She also brings flexibility to the team. Fuess contributes from all over the court.

"Fuess is a defensive stopper, she can handle the ball and her movement without the ball is amazing," said head coach Dana Austin. "She is a versatile player who can play four of five positions on the floor which really helps the coaching staff coach."

Fuess can light it up on defense and successfully guard some of the best players in the Atlantic Sun conference. She loves to face up and take oppo-



Freshman center Katja "Kat" Fuess

potential is huge," said Austin. "She is just now tapping into her abilities and she has a great future."

It is hard to go to battle everyday with players like Shanika "Nip" Freeman, Freddricka Embry and Tiara Eady, but Fuess knows that it will pay off in the future. She is ready to live up to her expectations. "I am comfortable with my coaches and I trust them," said Fuess. "I am willing to take on any challenges they give to me."

Fuess is one of the keys to the program's future. If she continues to progress, she will accomplish many things at Jacksonville State University. She has the personality to handle the pressure. She will be successful.

So for all you dog lovers out there, have you changed your mind yet? Have you realized the talent, potential and future you could be missing out on, if you don't have a "Kat?" I know the Gamecocks are extremely lucky to have one.

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